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In complete response to the Official Action mailed October 19, 1999, please amend the above-cited application as follows:

At page 24, line 2, please delete "Disclosed are" and insert therefore --The present invention provides--.

Please insert the attached paper copy of the sequence listing after page 18 of the specification and renumber the pages accordingly.

Please delete claim 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

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